St Mary's Parish

We proudly acknowledge the Boonwurrung People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land.

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents

1st November, 2026

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Normal Mass Times

Consult bulletin inside for any changes.
Saturday at 6:00pm Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

Reconciliation
Saturday 10:00am

Silent Adoration in Church
2:30pm – 3:30pm Wednesday

Baptism Preparation Night

Third Thursday monthly 7.00pm at Parish Centre. Baptism must be booked prior to attending Preparation Night.
Baptisms 12:30pm Sunday

ALL SAINTS DAY - YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi. 1:14-2:2, 8-10:1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians. 2:7-9, 13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; You have one teacher, the Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:
The Beatitudes
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Monday 2nd November	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Williamstown–Feast of All Souls–Fr Barry Hughes
Tuesday 3rd November	9.15am Mass at St Margaret Mary's Church. Arras Street, Spotswood.
Wednesday 4th November	9:15am Mass at Sacred Heart, Newcastle Street, Newport. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. Williamstown.
Thursday 5th November	9.15am Mass at St Margaret Mary's Church. Arras Street, Spotswood.
Friday 6th November	11.30am Senior's Mass at St Mary's Church, Williamstown. Fr Barry Hughes. Followed by a luncheon in the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors

I thought this was going to happen! It happened sooner than I had expected! Due to health reasons Fr Michael Kalka retired on Sunday Oct 11th as Parish Priest of Altona and has been replaced by an Administrator of the Parish by a youngish priest named Fr Samuel who started weekend Masses on October17th-18th . A teenager from Williamstown informed me last weekend, that he had heard Fr Samuel is not only looking after Newport/Spotswood but also Altona! I informed him that this is not true as it is a different Fr Samuel!! – Yes it is Fr Samuel Pearson who has only been ordained as a priest for the Melbourne Archdiocese 5 years ago, whereas the future Parish Priest of Williamstown from July next year will be Fr Samuel Kapani who also runs and will continue to run as Parish Priest of the St Joseph's Parish – namely Sacred Heart Newport and St Margaret Mary, Spotswood. Our Partnership Steering Committee of both St Joseph's Parish and St Mary's Williamstown have been working very seriously on this future partnership for several months now. Although I hope to explain more fully In December our agreed partnership steering committee considerations and intended actions for us , it would be worth noting the following information in case you have been thinking we have been just sitting on our backsides and twiddling our thumbs!

ST MARY'S AND ST JOSEPH'S PARTNERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE:

Around late last year it was discerned by our Parish Councils and or leadership groups, as well as the parish priests who should be on our Partnership Steering Committee. Besides Fr Samuel from St Joseph's, three lay people were chosen representing St Joseph's Parish : one was a former decorated and retired Catholic Primary Principal, one was the former head of the Catholic Education Office for South Australia, now living back in Newport as a former Victorian, and the other used to be head of the Brotherhood of St Laurence – all good and capable Catholic people. Our three were Karen Colla, a retired former Catholic Primary School Principal, and two other well-known, respected and long serving parishioners, Joe Covelli and Stephen Littleton.

From memory we have as a combined group met four times this year. One was around February, then we met May 27th, 29th July and 21st October. There was also a forum on June 24th to receive feedback from leading groups in our Parish. They provided us with several areas of consensus. This was held at our Parish Centre. Besides the above, four of the eight of us were delegated after the 29th July meeting to tease out our main consensus areas to bring to the 21st October combined meeting to save some time for us all. Two of us were the priests and two were from the laypeople on the committee. The main decisions finally decided at our October 21st meeting with all the Steering Committee present are to be relayed to our various communities in due course. Due to certain practical circumstances for each parish this will be relayed in late November for Newport/Spotswood and when I catch my breath from annual holidays, this will be relayed by myself on one of the early December Masses. At this stage I can at least let you know the basic areas we had agreement on but not our final conclusions until I inform you all later:

1. Certain Ministry Teams to work more together.
2. Safeguarding Committees to speak to each other.
3. Parish Staffs – greater cooperation. This of course will be clarified.
4. Lenten & Advent Programs – more sharing.
5. Prayer & Reflection Groups
6. RCIA
7. Children's Catechetics

8. Youth Group
9. Social Opportunities
10. Cross- promotion of events
11. School engagement
12. Building – purpose -mission
13. Mass Times: Sunday and weekdays
14. Presbytery review of the Newport & Williamstown presbyteries.

All these we discussed and came to certain conclusions and actions. These as I say will be conveyed in about a month's time more clearly. There will be always a few other more important areas that have been worked on in the course of time, or will come up in the course of this new and potentially great partnership.

BROCHURE:

Thanks for those who volunteered as a new parishioner or added something else in some important area. The brochure with numerous opportunities to be involved with the Parish was enclosed within the Parish bulletin the last two weekends. There are still some areas we need some or more volunteers such as:

1. Baptism Preparation Team.
2. Wedding Helper (assist set up & put away especially for visiting priest.)
3. Eucharistic visits to home.
4. St Vincent de Paul Society.
5. Social Event Committee.
6. Parish Finance Team.
7. Working Bee Supervisor or Assistant Supervisor.
8. Trimming Hedges. (a professional trimmer is available)
9. Parish Council.

FUTURE PURCHASES:

This weekend the Advent & Christmas daily reflection booklets from Wollongong and Brisbane dioceses are available so that parishioners will have them ready for the 1st Sunday of Advent – November 29th . It is $5 a booklet into the box or use tap and go. Yes both programs are the same cost to parishioners.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr. Greg. greg.trythall@cam.org.au 0400 624 363

NEW BRONZE PLAQUE:

Although still somewhat raining we went ahead with the blessing of the new plaque commemorating the blessing of the Mary Grotto area back in 1945 by his grace Archbishop Daniel Mannix. Please see the plaque at the bottom of the Mary Statue when you have time.

COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering will be held on Saturday 7th November from 7:00pm—8:30pm, at St Mary's Parish Centre, 116 Cecil Street Williamstown.
We invite all Youth aged 15-25 years to come along for a fun evening with food/snacks, faith topic discussion and games.

Rosters for this Week 31st October & 1st November 2026

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Frances Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Maria Laudato, Lui Sammartino
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Cindy Kotevski, Charlize Kotevski
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Chantel Castelino

Rosters for Next Week 7th & 8th November 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Marisa Foroni, Elaine Garner 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm YOUTH GROUP 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Kevin Perera
Welcomers	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Di Collins

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, David Hume

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Anna Zammit who passed away recently and Guiseppe Celeste, Frank Barbalaco, Patricia Kelly (Grieve), Romeo Callejo, Gladys Taylor, Giuseppina Grech, Lucy Muscat, Baskal Farrugia, Carmelo Farrugia, Julia Farrugia, Vincent Mifsud, Antonia Mifsud, Margaret Johnson, Rose Sundblom (McKean), Lorry Galea, Paul Zahra, Nikky Anuscay, Maria Meloni, Doreen Rogers, Margaret Camilleri,Sr. Winifred Murphy, Luigi Vivona, Ignazio Kucic, Alberto, Celestina, Ersilia, Giuseppe, Benedetto, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George & Emmanuele Mangion, Maria Meloni, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesa, Benedetto & Ignazio Saragozza, Giuseppina Saragozza, Anthony and Elena Banavage, Maria & Lucio Falzon, David Mangion, Antonia & Adriano Azzopardi, Michele Azzopardi, Rosa Cini, Rosa Azzopardi, Mario Camilleri, Rosaria Mangion, Antonio Basilone, Mario and EvelinaLugnani and Maria Bongiovanni whose anniversaries are at this time.

All Souls Day

This Sunday we rejoice in the example of the saints – the Church Triumphant – and their intercession for us before God; Monday we ourselves turn towards God in petition on behalf of the Church. Suffering, those departed souls who are assured of eternal life but must undergo further suffering in purgatory to prepare them for the vision of God. We trust in God's mercy to deliver the holy souls still detained in purgatory into the joy of his presence through the prayers and sacrifices we offer up for them. We remember these poor souls, and their need of our aid, confident that they in turn will remember us before God when they come to see his face.